

Agenda and Meeting Minutes (Minutes Bolded)
AMS Weather Analysis and Forecasting Committee Conference Call

Thursday, September 12 at 1 pm CT
Conference Call: 844-467-6272/788542

1. Roll Call -- agenda and notes distributed via email

Andrew Molthan		Justin McLay	emailed
Rebecca Adams-Selin	X	Shawn Milrad	
Jennifer Alexander		Sam Ng	X
Cyrena-Marie Arnold		Jonathan Porter	
Martin Baxter		Brent Shaw	X
James Belanger	X	Alex Tardy	
Michael Brennan		Jerry Wegiel	
Clark Evans	X	Christopher McCray	X
Jason Furtado		Joseph Slezak	X
Joshua Hacker		Jennifer Tate	
Gail Hartfield-Supina		Robert Banks	

2. Upcoming Conference Events

a. 98th/2018 AMS Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas

- i. Special Symposium on IDSS slated for Tuesday, January 8.
 1. Program was recently finalized and submitted to AMS for final approval. A total of 45 abstracts were submitted, 41 for oral presentations. Final program has 19 oral talks and 26 posters.
 2. Core Science Keynote to be given by Susan Jasko, focusing generally on communication more than on IDSS in specific. Will kick off the workshop at 8:30 am; 30-min talk w/ AMS advertising.
 3. Invited talks to be given by Josh Eachus (WBRZ), Charlie Woodrum (NWS, IDSS head), Rebecca Moulton (FEMA), and Paul Roebber (UWM, education perspective).
- ii. WAF Committee meeting in Austin (Wednesday, January 9): more details as meeting approaches.

b. 29th WAF/25th NWP in TBD, Spring/Summer 2018

- i. Working with Ricky Sidla after Brenda's departure

1. Denver Grand Hyatt (downtown location) offered us a low rate and looks very promising. Ricky is conducting a site visit.
 - a. dates?
2. Nashville dates were no longer available; also looked at Minneapolis but only locations available were 10+ miles from downtown with limited nearby dining available.

ii. In need of conference chair(s) and conference committee

3. Awards Process

a. STAC committee awards -- final selection due to STAC by November 1

- i. Three categories: early career, contributions to the committee, scientific contributions in mid/late career.
- ii. Committee feedback recommended we rotate through the awards, with a slight preference toward starting with either the Distinguished Scientific/Technological Accomplishment (mid/late career) or Early Career Awards. We'll take a vote during the call for which to start with.
 1. Early Career Award selected
- iii. **Submit a nomination package here by Oct. 15:**
<https://www.dropbox.com/request/YtsiQ8A9s8Ji9YogX82y>
 1. Package should include CV and paragraph describing all WAF-related activity
 - a. WAF-related activity can span entire weather enterprise
 2. Becky will send out nominee packages after Oct 15, we will vote via email
- iv. Put link and request for nominees on website (Joseph), facebook (Chris), twitter (sam)
- v. I'll request the AMS send an email to recent WAF conference attendees
- vi. Criteria for judging:
 1. Outstanding Early Career Award – an individual within 10 years of having earned their highest degree, or are under 40 years of age when nominated, who has made significant contributions to the discipline and is on a path to becoming a science leader in the community. Consideration will also be given, however, to those who are still in the early stage of their careers but have seen these interrupted for up to 5-10 years by family leaves, military service, and the like.
 2. Distinguished Scientific/Technological Accomplishment Award – an individual who has made significant contributions to the discipline and is well recognized within the discipline as being a science/technological leader. This award could be for a mid-career or late-career individual.
 3. Any extra criteria? Require WAF-related involvement, such as presentation at conferences?

4. Committee Membership

- a. Thank you for working to solicit a large number of highly-qualified nominees!
- b. New members based on vote totals: Alicia Bentley, Louisa Nance, and Nusrat Yussouf. **Pending committee approval, I'll notify them later today.**
- c. Joseph Slezak will be transitioning from student to full member pending his graduation later this year (congratulations!)
 - i. Joseph will join the private sector
- d. Sector balance issues:
 - i. Low on private industry, government, and student representation
 - ii. Focus for recruiting next year
 - iii. Implement sector-specific voting, similar to AMS council (e.g., <https://www.ametsoc.org/ams/index.cfm/about-ams/ams-election-information/>)
 - 1. Require a minimum number of nominees per sector
 - 2. Start with year-by-year basis but consider doing it permanently

5. Updates from the AMS Scientific and Technological Activities Commission

- a. Elevating Science Content
 - i. Received a request for input on how to "improve science" at the annual meeting; Andrew collected our responses and passed them to Bruce/STAC
- b. Opportunity to provide AMS Policy Program Memos
 - i. Potentially set up a subcommittee to look at this in early 2018.

6. Updates from the AMS Researcher Involvement Committee

- a. None specific to WAF

7. Glossary of Meteorology

- a. Need volunteer in CY2018 and beyond to continue Brent's role
 - i. Nusrat did specifically mention interest in glossary in her nominee statement

8. Web Updates

- a. Input from webmaster.
 - i. Will add Early Career Award info/links

9. Social Media

a. Facebook

- i. We will recycle last year's schedule to get started and look for other volunteers as needed.
 - 1. September -- Chris McCray

2. October -- Cyrena Marie-Arnold
 3. November: Mike Brennan
 4. December: Gail Hartfield
- ii. Will make up a new schedule incorporating new members for 2018.
- b. Twitter**
- i. Opportunity for others to post to @AMSWAF - password from Sam Ng

10. Next Calls (all times Central):

- a. Thursday, November 2 at noon
- b. Committee meeting during annual meeting